



Welcome to Lake County Highlights

2005 Edition

This publication is provided annually for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each publication includes a variety of demographic information: population, labor force estimates, industry employment, industry annual average wages, and firms and employment by size.

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Region 2: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko counties.

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SUMMARY OF LAKE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Lake County's population estimate for 2004 was 490,844 up 1.3 percent from the 2000 Census total of 484,564. The estimated population made up 7.9 percent of Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569.

As of the 2000 Census 250,349 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 80.7 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population 50,307 or 16.2 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 4,369 persons graduating high school that year 3,563 or 81.6 percent intended to go on to higher education.

The county "labor force" represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. In 2003 persons living in but commuting to work out of the county was 53,856 or 19.0 percent of the labor force. The outside area where the largest number of Lake County residents went to work was the State of Illinois. The county "work force" represents all workers employed in the county no matter where they reside. In 2003 persons commuting to work into the county from outside areas was 42,795 or 15.7 percent of the work force. The area sending the most number of persons into the county to work was Porter County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 6.3 percent, above Indiana's average 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 22,940. Of that labor force 209,000 were employed and 13,940 were unemployed.

For year 2004 there were 190,969 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Government having 14.4 percent of the total industry employment with Health Care & Social Assistance second at 14.3 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was Health Care & Social Assistance increasing by 1,948 workers or 7.7 percent above the 25,320 of 2001. Of employers in the county 16.6 percent employed 20 or more workers and they represented 78.8 percent of all in-county employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$35,375 per year versus Indiana's \$34,692. The county average wage was an increase of 10.5 percent over 2001's county industry average wage. Nine of Lake County's 20 industry sectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Management of Companies & Enterprises industry had the highest average earnings at \$77,063 per year, with Utilities second at \$66,972, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Accommodation & Food Services at \$11,804. The same industries statewide paid an average \$66,805, \$62,844, and \$11,572 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

LAKE COUNTY POPULATION

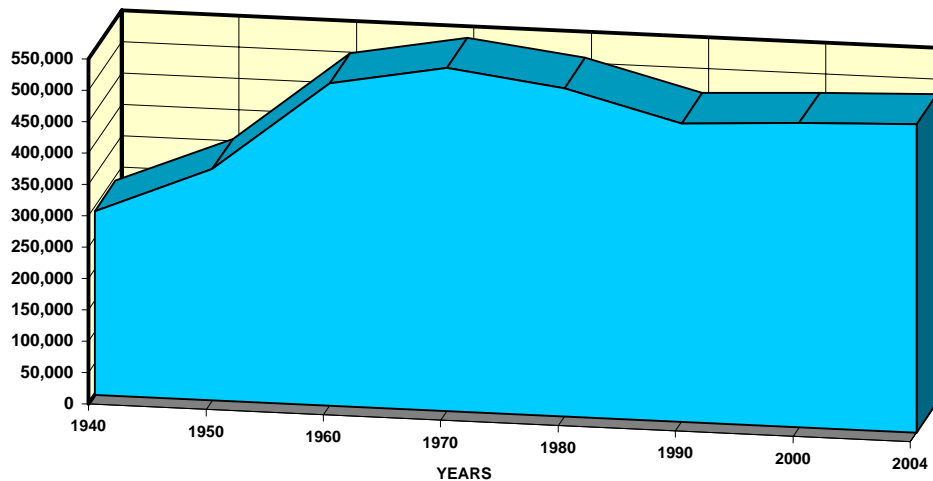
COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY AND CITIES / TOWNS	1990	2000	2004	CHANGE 1990 TO 2000		CHANGE 2000 TO 2004	
				#	%	#	%
LAKE CO	475,594	484,564	490,844	8,970	1.9%	6,280	1.3%
Gary	116,646	102,746	99,516	-13,900	-11.9%	-3,230	-3.1%
Hammond	84,236	83,048	79,985	-1,188	-1.4%	-3,063	-3.7%
East Chicago	33,892	32,414	31,237	-1,478	-4.4%	-1,177	-3.6%
Merrillville	27,257	30,560	31,258	3,303	12.1%	698	2.3%
Hobart	24,440	25,363	27,510	923	3.8%	2,147	8.5%
Schererville	20,155	24,851	27,451	4,696	23.3%	2,600	10.5%
Highland	23,696	23,546	23,290	-150	-0.6%	-256	-1.1%
Munster	19,949	21,511	22,240	1,562	7.8%	729	3.4%
Crown Point	17,728	19,806	21,822	2,078	11.7%	2,016	10.2%
Griffith	17,914	17,334	16,806	-580	-3.2%	-528	-3.0%
Lake Station	13,899	13,948	13,657	49	0.4%	-291	-2.1%
Dyer	10,923	13,895	14,793	2,972	27.2%	898	6.5%

LAKE COUNTY POPULATION 1940 TO 2004

YEAR	POPULATION	CHG FROM PRIOR YR	% CHANGE
1940	293,195	NA	NA
1950	368,152	74,957	25.6%
1960	513,269	145,117	39.4%
1970	546,253	32,984	6.4%
1980	522,965	-23,288	-4.3%
1990	475,594	-47,371	-9.1%
2000	484,564	8,970	1.9%
2004	490,844	6,280	1.3%

POPULATION OF LAKE COUNTY TO 2004



EDUCATION

LAKE COUNTY EDUCATION DATA

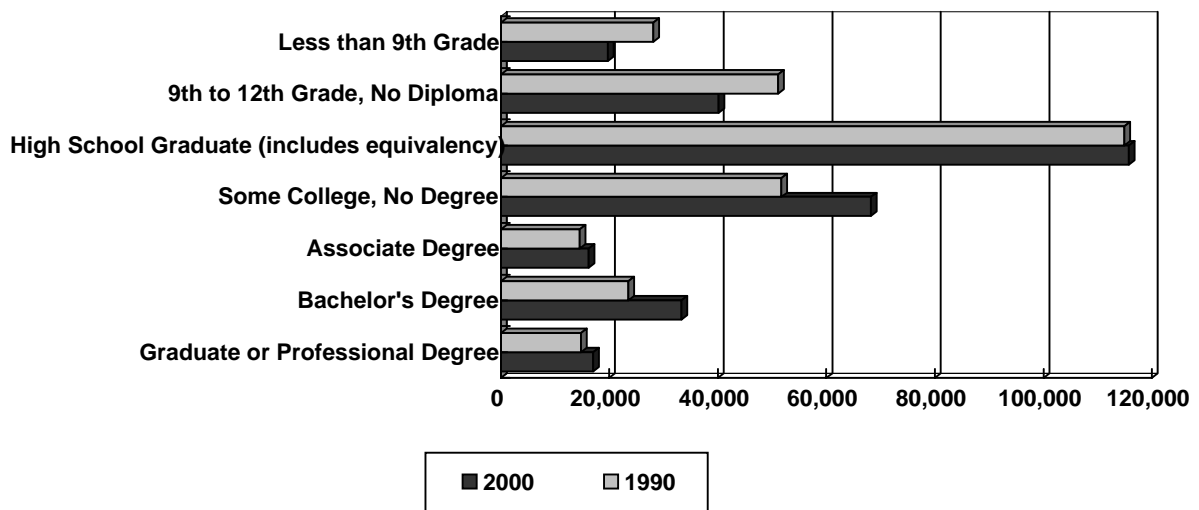
2004 H.S. GRADUATE HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATIONAL INTENT	NUMBER	%
Graduated High School in 2004	4,369	100%
Total to Higher Education	3,563	81.6%
Four-Year Institution	2,892	66.2%
Two-Year Institution	296	6.8%
Vocational/Technical Institution	375	8.6%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION	1990		2000	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Less than 9th Grade	28,126	9.4%	19,734	6.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	51,055	17.1%	40,137	12.9%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	114,913	38.5%	115,681	37.3%
Some College, No Degree	51,708	17.3%	68,204	22.0%
Associate Degree	14,528	4.9%	16,157	5.2%
Bachelor's Degree	23,476	7.9%	33,327	10.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	14,746	4.9%	16,980	5.5%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	298,552	100%	310,220	100%

LAKE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2000 Versus 1990



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center - Stats Indiana, and U.S. Census Bureau

LABOR FORCE

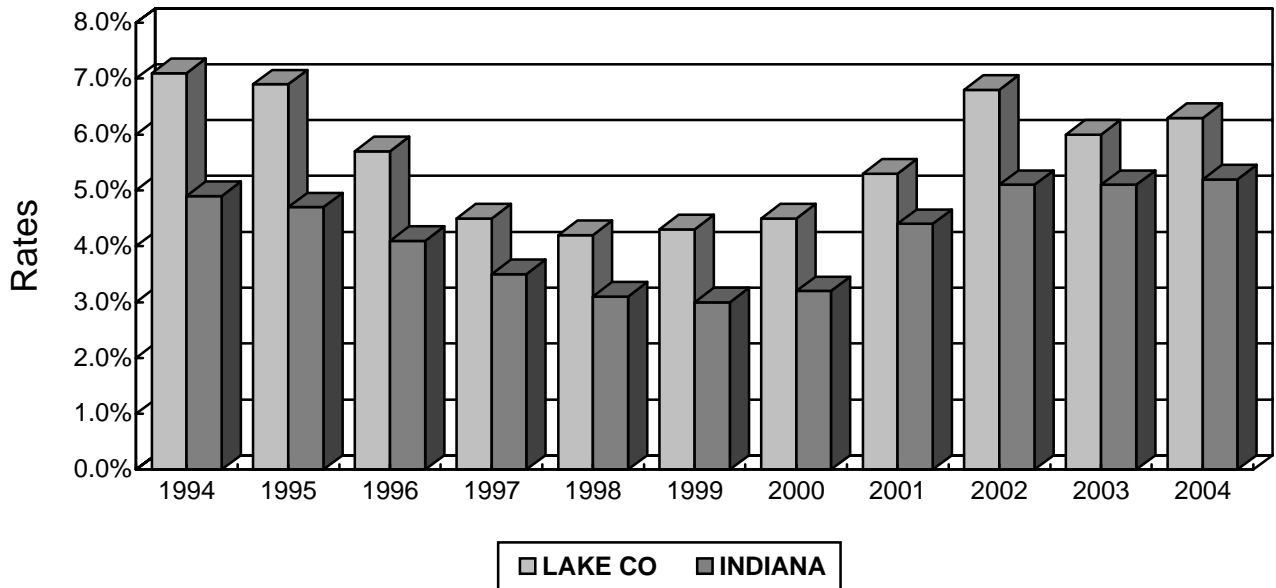
LAKE COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	LAKE CO RATE	INDIANA RATE
1994	229,910	213,590	16,320	7.1%	4.9%
1995	231,760	215,680	16,080	6.9%	4.7%
1996	228,480	215,560	12,920	5.7%	4.1%
1997	230,610	220,230	10,380	4.5%	3.5%
1998	230,340	220,740	9,600	4.2%	3.1%
1999	226,100	216,460	9,640	4.3%	3.0%
2000	223,240	213,090	10,150	4.5%	3.2%
2001	225,880	213,820	12,060	5.3%	4.4%
2002	226,950	211,440	15,510	6.8%	5.1%
2003	228,060	214,340	13,720	6.0%	5.1%
2004	222,940	209,000	13,940	6.3%	5.2%

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.

LAKE COUNTY & STATE OF INDIANA Average Unemployment Rates 1994-2004



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

COMMUTING PATTERNS

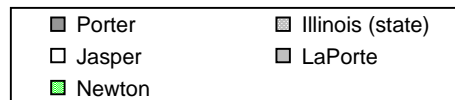
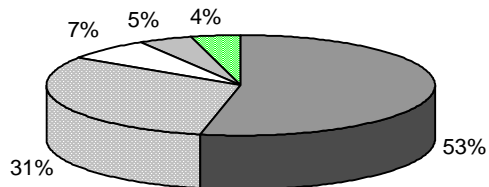
LAKE COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS: YEAR 2003

Number of persons who live in the county and work (labor force)	283,794
Number of persons who live and work in the county	229,938
Number of persons who live out of and work in the county	42,795
Total number of persons who work in the county (work force)	272,733

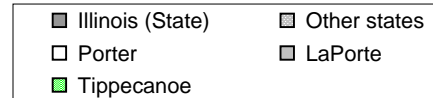
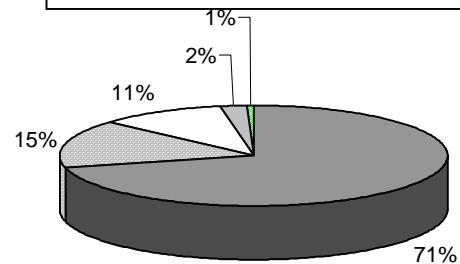
Top five counties sending workers INTO Lake County:		
Porter County	21,587	
Illinois (state)	12,443	
Jasper County	2,851	
Laporte County	1,828	
Newton County	1,664	
Total of above	40,373	equals 14.8% of work force

Top five counties receiving workers FROM Lake County:		
Illinois (state)	36,877	
Other states	7,963	
Porter County	5,535	
Laporte County	1,157	
Tippecanoe County	272	
Total of above	51,804	equals 18.3% of labor force

WORKERS INTO LAKE COUNTY
From Top 5 Counties / States

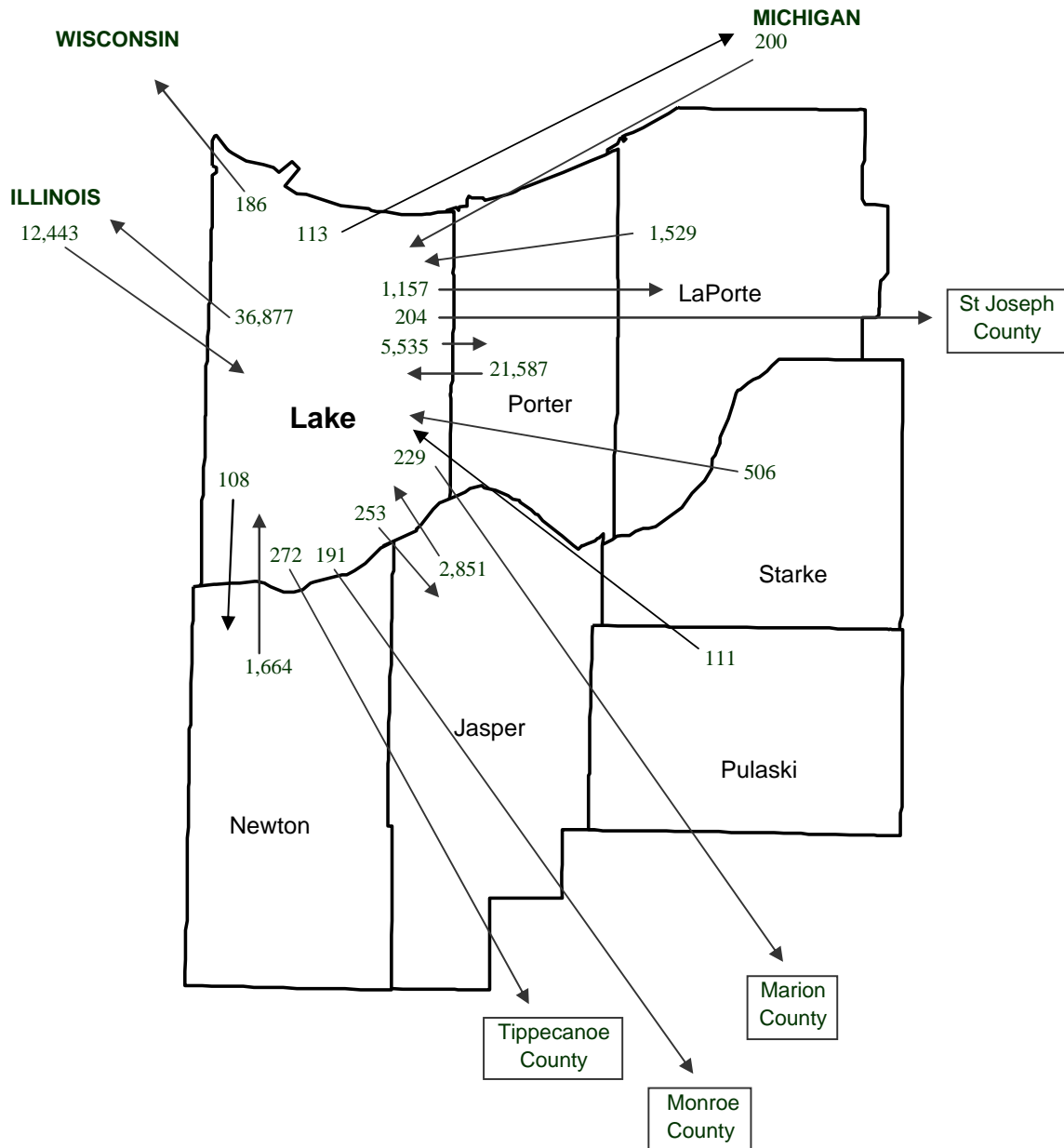


WORKERS OUT OF LAKE COUNTY
To Top 5 Counties / States



COMMUTING MAP

Lake County 2003



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue
Based on income tax returns for Tax Year 2003

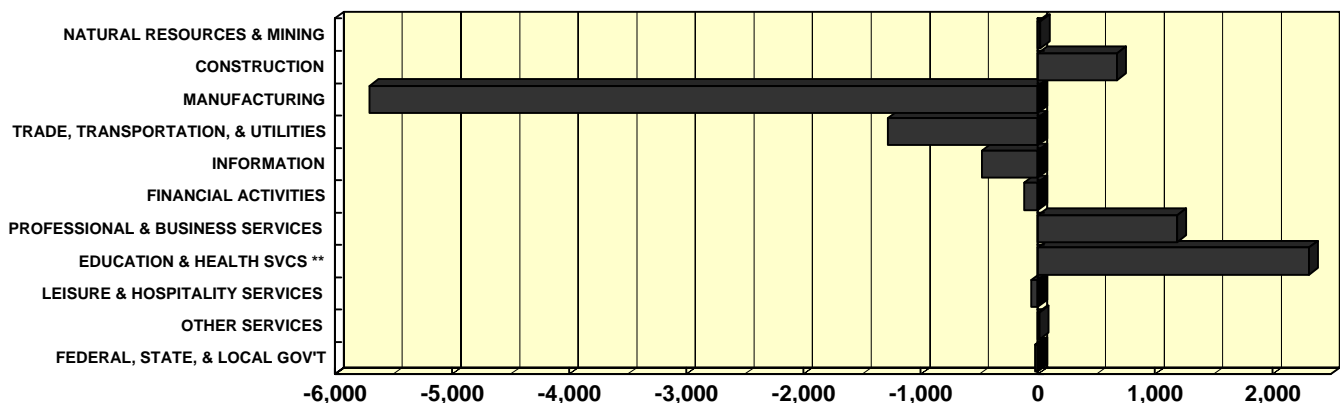
Counts of under 100 are not included.
Noncontiguous state counts not included.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

LAKE COUNTY AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	9,857	194,624	189,444	190,914	190,969	-3,655	-1.9%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	31	445	414	443	468	23	5.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	20	182	175	191	203	21	11.5%
Mining	11	263	239	252	265	2	0.8%
CONSTRUCTION	1,150	11,868	11,322	12,173	12,541	673	5.7%
MANUFACTURING	413	32,042	28,193	28,341	26,339	-5,703	-17.8%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	2,464	40,362	38,961	38,169	39,085	-1,277	-3.2%
Wholesale Trade	606	6,887	6,579	6,203	6,194	-693	-10.1%
Retail Trade	1,518	25,818	24,948	24,674	24,929	-889	-3.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	328	5,823	5,746	5,706	6,385	562	9.7%
Utilities	12	1,834	1,688	1,586	1,577	-257	-14.0%
INFORMATION	88	2,221	2,118	1,870	1,742	-479	-21.6%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	964	7,515	7,280	7,347	7,397	-118	-1.6%
Finance & Insurance	583	5,132	5,014	5,109	5,128	-4	-0.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	381	2,383	2,266	2,238	2,269	-114	-4.8%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	1,371	15,234	15,739	15,963	16,422	1,188	7.8%
Professional & Technical Services	876	5,300	5,221	5,412	5,402	102	1.9%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	32	1,128	1,187	1,097	1,226	98	8.7%
Administrative & Waste Services	463	8,806	9,331	9,454	9,794	988	11.2%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	1,335	41,829	42,307	43,123	44,143	2,314	5.5%
Educational Services **	239	16,509	16,509	16,735	16,875	366	2.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	1,096	25,320	25,798	26,388	27,268	1,948	7.7%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	942	22,731	22,696	22,753	22,676	-55	-0.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	101	8,219	7,977	8,056	7,876	-343	-4.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	841	14,512	14,719	14,697	14,800	288	2.0%
OTHER SERVICES	962	7,479	7,499	7,693	7,493	14	0.2%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	254	27,476	27,383	27,815	27,450	-26	-0.1%

Change in Lake County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

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Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

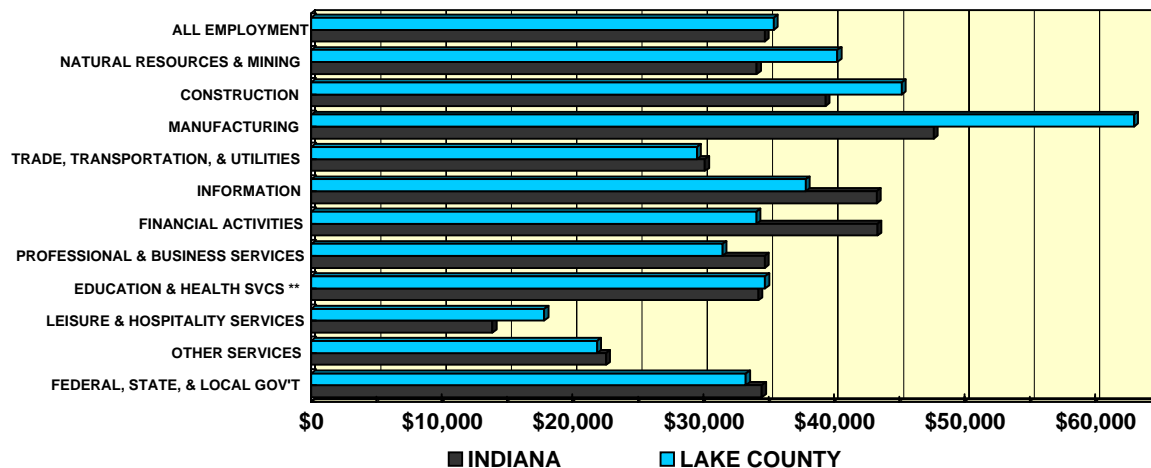
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INDUSTRY EARNINGS

LAKE COUNTY AVERAGE EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	LAKE COUNTY				2004	
	2001 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		INDIANA 2004 WAGES	LAKE % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
			DOLLARS	PERCENT		
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$32,017	\$35,375	\$3,358	10.5%	\$34,692	1.9%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$38,879	\$40,259	\$1,380	3.5%	\$34,100	15.3%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$18,068	\$14,653	-\$3,415	-18.9%	\$25,459	-73.7%
Mining	\$53,285	\$59,837	\$6,552	12.3%	\$49,836	16.7%
CONSTRUCTION	\$42,919	\$45,176	\$2,257	5.3%	\$39,344	12.9%
MANUFACTURING	\$51,170	\$62,946	\$11,776	23.0%	\$47,638	24.3%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$27,391	\$29,510	\$2,119	7.7%	\$30,129	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$39,187	\$43,309	\$4,122	10.5%	\$46,109	-6.5%
Retail Trade	\$19,899	\$21,688	\$1,789	9.0%	\$21,447	1.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$34,706	\$37,410	\$2,704	7.8%	\$35,142	6.1%
Utilities	\$65,329	\$66,972	\$1,643	2.5%	\$62,844	6.2%
INFORMATION	\$31,368	\$37,839	\$6,471	20.6%	\$43,280	-14.4%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$31,336	\$34,065	\$2,729	8.7%	\$43,310	-27.1%
Finance & Insurance	\$35,589	\$38,422	\$2,833	8.0%	\$48,406	-26.0%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$22,172	\$24,221	\$2,049	9.2%	\$28,857	-19.1%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$28,682	\$31,465	\$2,783	9.7%	\$34,704	-10.3%
Professional & Technical Services	\$36,273	\$39,036	\$2,763	7.6%	\$45,323	-16.1%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$63,132	\$77,063	\$13,931	22.1%	\$66,805	13.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$19,700	\$21,584	\$1,884	9.6%	\$22,731	-5.3%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$31,767	\$34,735	\$2,968	9.3%	\$34,204	1.5%
Educational Services **	\$30,247	\$31,762	\$1,515	5.0%	\$33,107	-4.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$32,756	\$36,575	\$3,819	11.7%	\$34,962	4.4%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$15,516	\$17,838	\$2,322	15.0%	\$13,873	22.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$23,942	\$29,176	\$5,234	21.9%	\$25,803	11.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$10,744	\$11,804	\$1,060	9.9%	\$11,572	2.0%
OTHER SERVICES	\$19,724	\$21,876	\$2,152	10.9%	\$22,548	-3.1%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$31,030	\$33,256	\$2,226	7.2%	\$34,478	-3.7%

Lake County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings comparison



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

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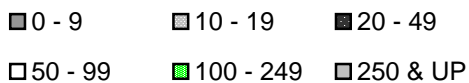
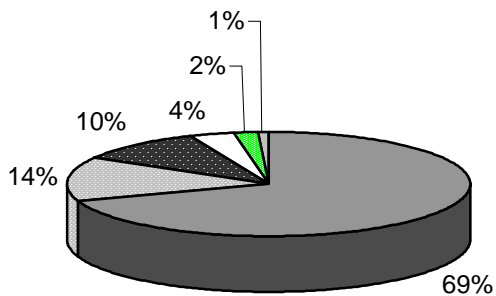
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE

LAKE COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

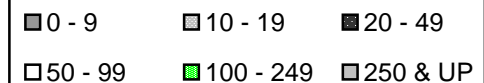
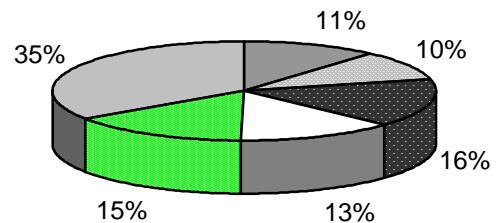
EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by SIZE OF BUSINESS UNIT MARCH 2004
0 - 9	6,840	21,519
10 - 19	1,352	18,359
20 - 49	996	29,972
50 - 99	362	24,619
100 - 249	197	28,850
250 & UP	79	65,070
TOTAL	9,826	188,389

Includes Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees.

**BUSINESS UNITS
by SIZE
1st Quarter 2004**



**EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS
UNIT SIZE
March 2004**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Unemployment Insurance Division



DESCRIPTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the **Manufacturing** industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for **Manufacturing** may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: *An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the **Professional and Business Services** industry under NAICS, rather than in **Manufacturing**.* The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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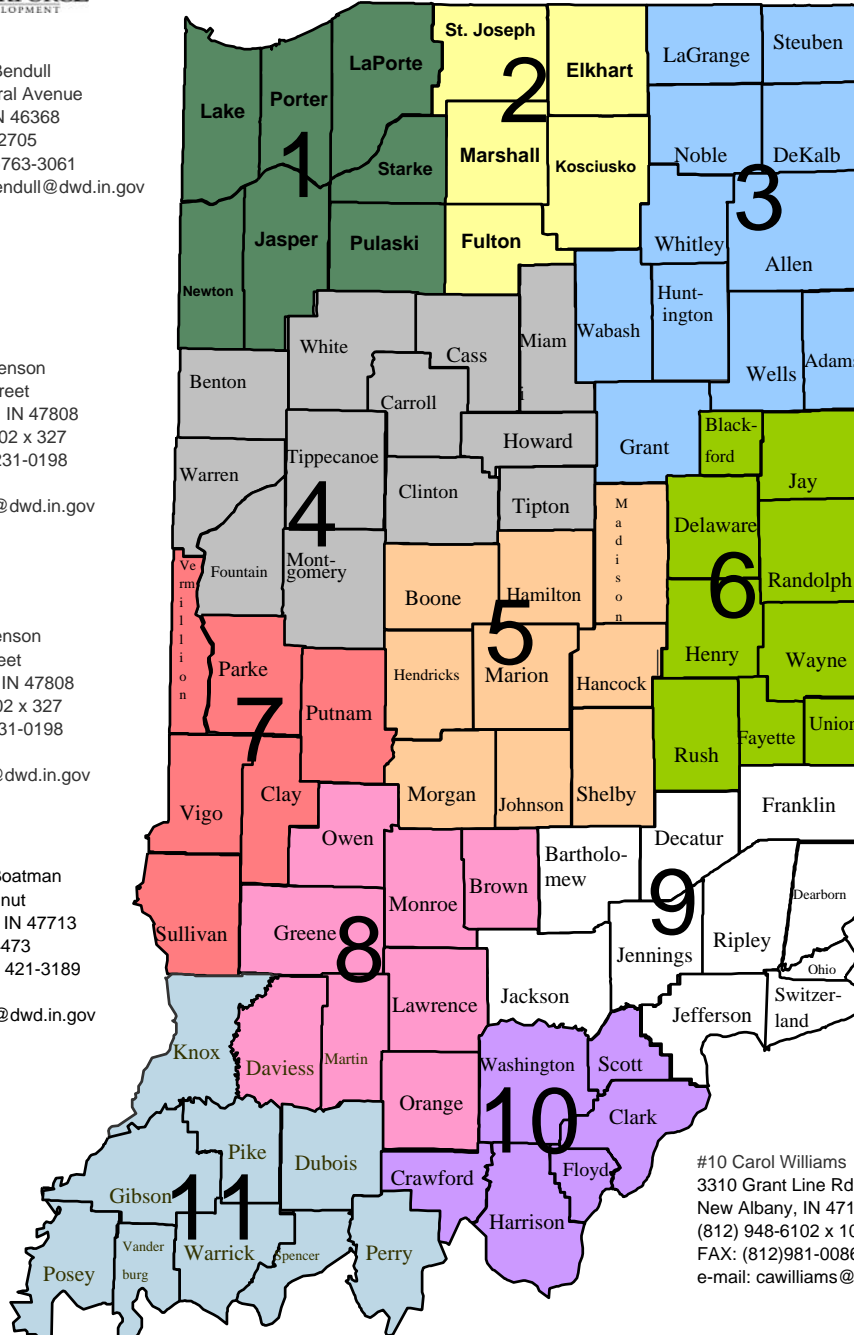
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